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TAGS: PFOR UNSC IS LE

SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST AIRCRAFT DIVERSION INCIDENT IN SC

1. BEFORE AFTERNOON SITTING AUG 13, GHORRA (LEBANON) SHOWED AMB SCALI VERY ROUGH DRAFT OF POSSIBLE SC RES. GHORRA SAID DRAFT HAD NO STATUS AND WAS "NOT EVEN A WORKING PAPER." HE INDICATED THAT IDEAS IN PAPER HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN MID-DAY ARAB GROUP MEETING AND IN AFRO-ASIAN CAUCUS EARLY AFTERNOON.

2. TEXT SHOWN BY GHORRA HAD BEEN ANNOTATED AND CONTAINED HAND-WRITTEN AMENDMENTS. FOLLOWING IS BASIC TEXT FROM TYPED SCRIPT WITH CHANGES SHOWN IN PARENTHESES:

BEGIN TEXT

THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE AGENDA CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT

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HAVING CONSIDERED THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER OF THE

REPRESENTATIVE OF LEBANON CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT -----

HAVING HEARD THE STATEMENT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF
LEBANON CONCERNING THE VIOLATION OF LEBANON'S SOVEREIGNTY
AND THE HIJACKING OF A LEBANESE CIVILIAN AIRLINER BY
ISRAELI AIR FORCE,

GRAVELY CONCERNED OVER SUCH AN ACT OF AIR PIRACY AND
INTERFERENCE WITH CIVILIAN AIR TRAVEL CONDUCTED BY ISRAEL,
A MEMBER STATE OF THE UNITED NATIONS,

(SUGGESTED AMENDMENT: "THAT SUCH AN ACT BY ISRAEL
CONSTITUTES SERIOUS INTERFERENCE WITH CIVILIAN AIR TRAVEL.")

RECOGNIZING THAT SUCH AN ACT JEOPARDISES THE LIVES AND
SAFETY OF PASSENGERS AND CREW AND VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF
THE CHICAGO CONVENTION ON CIVIL AVIATION, AND

(CHANGE "JEOPARDISES" TO "COULD JEOPARDIZE.")

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS 262 OF 31 DECEMBER 1968 AND
286 OF 9 SEPTEMBER, 1970 AND OTHER PERTINENT RESOLUTIONS OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND ICAO'S RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON 19 JUNE
1972, AND ICAO'S RESOLUTIONS OF 28 FEBRUARY 1973 AND 4 JUNE 1973,

1. STRONGLY CONDEMNS ISRAEL FOR VIOLATING LEBANON'S
AIR SPACE AND SOVEREIGNTY AND THE FORCIBLE DIVERSION
AND SEIZURE OF A LEBANESE AIRLINER ON LEASE TO THE
IRAQI AIRWAYS.

(INSERT "THE GOVERNMENT OF" BEFORE "ISRAEL.")

2. CONSIDERS THAT SUCH ACTIONS BY ISRAEL CONSTITUTES
A VIOLATION OF THE LEBANESE-ISRAELI
ARMISTICE AGREEMENT OF 1949, THE PROVISIONS OF
UN CHARTER, THE CHICAGO CONVENTION ON CIVIL
AVIATION, AND THE PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL
LAW AND MORALITY;

(AFTER "1949" INSERT "AND CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION.")
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3. CALLS ON ICAO AND OTHER APPROPRIATE ORGANS TO TAKE
ADEQUATE MEASURES AGAINST ISRAEL WITH A VIEW TO INSURE
THE SAFETY OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION;

(GHORRA HAD PLACED QUESTION MARK BY THIS PARA. WE
GATHERED, HOWEVER, THAT HIS QUESTION WAS NOT WHETHER
TO REFER TO ICAO BUT HOW FAR TO GO IN SEEKING ICAO

MEASURES AGAINST ISRAEL.)

4. SOLEMNLY WARNS ISRAEL THAT IF SUCH ACTS WERE TO BE REPEATED, THE COUNCIL WILL TAKE EFFECTIVE STEPS OR MEASURES TO INSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS RESOLUTIONS.

(ALTERED TO READ: "WARNS ISRAEL AGAINST ANY AND ALL ACTS WHICH VIOLATE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORY OF LEBANON.") END TEXT

3. EVEN AFTER SPEAKING WITH US, LEBANESE MISSION WAS SEEN DISTRIBUTING UNANNOTATED COPIES OF THIS LANGUAGE TO OTHER SC MEMBERS. GHORRA SUBSEQUENTLY ASSURED US THAT HE WOULD "TALK" TO ARABS, NON-ALIGNED, ETC. ON BASIS TEXT CONTAINING CHANGES SHOWN IN PARENTHESES ABOVE.

4. AFTER ADJOURNMENT AUG 13 SESSION OF SC, AMB TEKOA H CALLED ON SCALI AND GAVE HIS VIEWS OF LEBANESE DRAFT. HE FOUND ALL OP PARAS AND SOME OF PREAMBULAR LANGUAGE UN-ACCEPTABLE. HE ARGUED FOR US VETO AS ONLY WAY DISCOURAGE ARABS FROM FURTHER TERRORISM. COMMENT: TEKOA H GAVE IMPRESSION THAT HE ALREADY AWARE OF US DISPOSITION IN MATTER AND THAT HE MAKING HIS REPRESENTATIONS FOR THE RECORD.
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